

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-16 are pending herein. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 5, 6 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form. The preambles of claims 2, 3 and 8-11 have been amended to address dependency. The specification has been amended to address matters of form. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating claims 5, 6 and 7 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5, 6 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form, and claim 1 has been cancelled.

1. The rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 11-16 under §102(b) over Isaacson is noted, but deemed moot in view of claim 1 being cancelled and claims 5, 6 and 7 being indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3, which depends directly from either claim 6 or 7, and claims 4, 9 and 11-16, which depend either directly or indirectly from any one of claims 5, 6 or 7, define patentable subject matter over the applied reference, and respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

2. Claims 2 and 10 were rejected under §103(a) over Isaacson. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 5, 6 and 7 have been indicated to be allowable, and since claims 2 and 10 depend directly from any one of claims 5, 6 or 7, these claims are also believed to be allowable over the prior art.

3. Claim 8 was rejected under §103(a) over Isaacson in view of Chance. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 5, 6 and 7 have been indicated to be allowable. Since Chance fails to overcome the deficiencies of Isaacson, and since claim 8 depends from any one of claims 5, 6 or 7, claim 8 is also believed to be allowable over the applied references.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 30, 2008.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

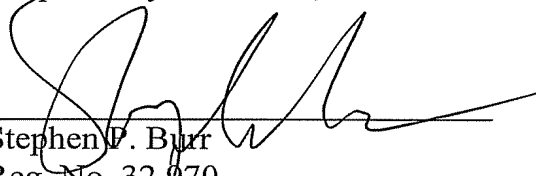
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Respectfully submitted,



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